

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Page 1, line 2, after the title, please update (as follows) the status of the priority information originally provided within the First Preliminary Amendment:

This Application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Number 6,324,088 ~~U. S. Application Serial No. 09/621,012~~ filed July 20, 2000 and issued November 27, 2001, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Number 08/916,692 ~~U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692~~ filed August 22, 1997 and issued November 6, 2001.